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Inside



Strike up the band

Three university students combined their musical talents to aid a Salina teen in need. See page 3.

Shew starts job as conductor

Stephanie Baccus
Staff writer

As classes start up again this fall, returning students will no doubt notice a new face directing from the conductor's box.

Julian Shew, a native of Nanjing, China, will be conducting the Fort Hays State Symphony and teaching courses in conducting and score reading.

Shew began his musical training at the early age of five. He attended the Jiangsu Provincial Training School of Drama and Nanjing College of Fine Arts with a cello performance major. He received a bachelor's degree of music in 1976.

Shew came to the United States in 1984 and received his master's degree in orchestra conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1986.

As a conductor, guest conductor and manager, Shew has worked with numerous other conductors, symphonies and orchestras, including the Bulgarian National Opera and the University of Kansas Symphony and Chamber Orchestras.

Arthur Pranno, instructor of music, said, "As a conductor, he's very well trained and he really knows what he's doing."

Although Shew has not been in Hays very long, he said he can already tell the administration is very serious about the quality of education for students.

"The music faculty here is very supportive and cooperative," he said.

In addition, Shew said he was "very impressed" with the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

"The school, students and community should be very proud to have such a magnificent hall," he said.

As for the students, Shew said he liked their enthusiasm and dedication, as well as the smaller sized student-faculty ratio.

"The advantage with that is that I can give more personal attention to the students, which is good," he said.

With the small class sizes, students in Shew's classes or symphony can look forward to a format that does not include "boring lectures."

"I don't like to conduct a class like a lecture. I like input from the students...it's essential that we communicate," Shew said.

It is obvious Shew likes his work, and he said he spends most of his time on music. But on those occasions when he is not conducting or teaching, he likes to play ping pong.

Shew said he also enjoys walking around this "small but beautiful" campus and traveling to other places.

"It expands my knowledge about people, cultures and languages. It's very exciting," Shew said.

Furry friend



Blake Vacura/Photo editor

Christen Dinkel, 3, daughter of Craig and Anne Dinkel, Victoria, pets a kitten during the Tiger Tots picnic last night at Optimist Park located along 33rd Street in Hays. The picnic, the first one ever held by the campus day care center, was set up by Tiger Tots director, Natilie Unruh, to create more parent/teacher involvement.

Hurricane Andrew Hays companies help with relief effort

Rebecca Lofton
Staff writer

Last week, America stood by their television sets and held their breath as news of "Hurricane Andrew" came across their screens.

Some were horrified to hear of the disaster. Some were glad they were not affected. All were shocked.

Now as the horror subsides, reality sets in. Hundreds of thousands of people were affected throughout the states of Florida and Louisiana.

The damage has been assessed at \$30 billion. People have lost their homes, their businesses and all of their property.

This is a national disaster because not only will it affect America's economy, but also many Americans, our own people, are at a loss.

With the facts laid out, what can America do to help? Still closer to home, what can Hays as a community do to provide some relief? Many local establishments are doing their part to help out the

hurricane victims.

Arby's, 3501 Vine St., was one of the first establishments to come up with a relief program.

David Horr, manager of Arby's, came up with the idea and contacted the Red Cross to get a system set up.

For every 13-inch submarine sandwich purchased, \$.50 will be donated, and for every 6-1/2-inch submarine sandwich purchased, \$.25 will be donated.

Arby's has been advertising their plan via the Hays Cable channel and will be advertising in the local paper.

The Downtown Athletic Club, 806 Main St., has delivered relief boxes to various localities.

They are collecting money donations, non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and baby items.

The establishments with relief boxes came forward voluntarily. One box is located at the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main St.

Dillions, 1902 Vine St., has also set up a relief fund and is accepting

monetary donations, non-perishable food and baby items. Their relief fund was the result of an inner-corporate decision.

"We're people-oriented and we need to help them (the hurricane victims)," Celly Schumacher, manager of Dillions (Hays), said.

All goods and money raised are being delivered to either the Red Cross or the Salvation Army to be sent directly to the Relief Fund in Florida and Louisiana.

Many at Fort Hays State have come forward and feel students should help out in some way. A tremendous difference could be made if each student could contribute just \$.50 (minimum).

Herman Reese, Fountain, Colo. junior, has family in Louisiana. "I know that they need a lot of wood because a lot of houses got washed out. If everyone (on campus) could make a contribution to it (Hurricane Andrew Relief Fund), that would help a lot of people," Reese said.

Leslie Kresin, Orlando, Fla. freshman, said, "I was scared, but my brother said it didn't go through Orlando, so it was luck."

SGA meeting Senators look forward to positive year

Bryna Sandstrom
Staff writer

The beginning of the academic year promises positive change for Fort Hays State. James Dawson, vice president of student affairs, said in his address to the Student Government Association last night.

He said the increased enrollment this year "means the institution is a very vital institution and that people recognize the benefit of being a part of an academic community like this."

He also stressed the positive reformation of the general education curriculum which "shows commitment to a liberal education."

The expansion of campus, evident in the plans for a new science building, improvements for Lewis Field and the renovation of the Memorial Union "bodes well" for the future of FHSU, Dawson said.

"The future of FHSU is very bright and has the potential to guarantee for you a degree that has great value," he said.

Dawson said the value of FHSU is determined by the students.

"The merit of an institution is judged not by the faculty or the staff, but by the quality of its graduates and what they accomplish," he said.

These positive changes are increasing the general respect for FHSU and its graduates, Dawson said.

"Because the institution is respected, the quality of your degree will be respected," he said.

Dawson said these positive changes are creating a momentum felt all over western Kansas.

He gave the senators encouragement and a challenge to maintain the momentum.

He encouraged the senators to take their commitment to SGA seriously and to use their position to be positive spokespersons for FHSU.

Dawson also said the senators need to be "proactive" as they encourage changes at FHSU.

SGA needs to identify "those problems that are forthcoming and not just respond to those problems that are going through the campus," Dawson said.

He also said that SGA needs to provide solutions to the problems they identify.

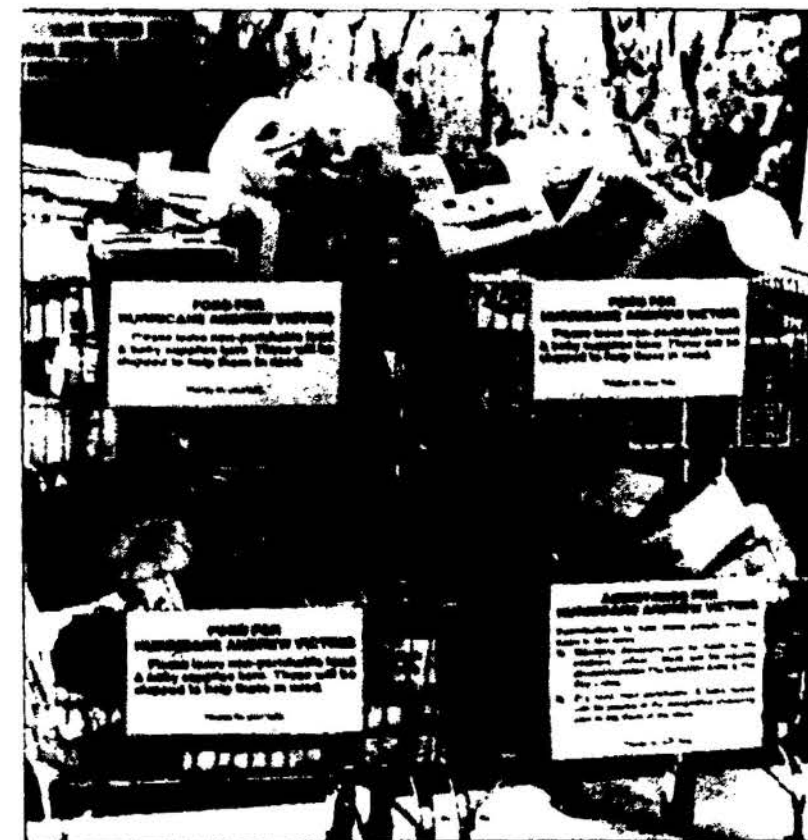
"It is inappropriate for this group only to identify problems and not provide solutions, your challenge is to be the body that provides solutions for the campus," he said.

Dawson said the senators need to encourage students to be actively involved on campus and as citizens in the Hays community.

"I would ask you to be leaders in that process of being citizens in our community and taking pride in students as citizens of this community," he said.

Dawson said one of the responsibilities of student senators is to share information with other students.

"Remember, you are representatives of a constituency and they need to hear from you just like you need to hear from them," he said.



Rich Hadley/Staff photographer

Collection baskets are set up in Dillions to aid in the relief of Hurricane Andrew victims. The store is collecting nonperishable food and other items. Dillions is one of the many establishments nationwide which is reaching out to help those in need.

Peer Helper Program assists students with problems

Kelly Freeman
Staff writer

Who better to talk to about your problems and concerns than a student who has experienced the same feelings as you?

If you feel this way, then the Peer Helper Program is for you. PHP is designed to help students become aware of their surroundings and the resources Fort Hays State offers.

Eddie Tejeda, coordinator of student services, is assembling the PHP which will be in effect in early October.

"The PHP will provide students with knowledge about the resources that are available and help the students succeed," Tejeda said.

"All students face some typical college problems like being unfamiliar with the campus and

feeling homesick. Most students just need someone to listen to them or be given a little reassurance," Tejeda said.

The PHP was able to form through an \$84,000 grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education for the improvement of post-secondary education.

Authors for the two-year grant were James Dawson, vice president for student affairs, and Jim Nugent, coordinator of drug/alcohol wellness network.

Nugent said the purpose of the grant was to consolidate student services on campus including drug and alcohol awareness, the Life Skills Center and the Kelly Center.

"We feel very fortunate to have received this grant. Last year we were able to start Tiger by the Tale and this year PHP," Nugent said.

Services offered by the PHP will

be facilitated by students who have also experienced many of the concerns and difficulties which freshmen, transfer and non-traditional students are now facing.

"Having concerns and problems adjusting to college life is natural. The peer assistance is there to assist people in successfully dealing with their college environment."

Eddie Tejeda
coordinator of student services

The volunteers will help the student get a handle on his or her problem, locate the resources to a solution and move on.

"Having concerns and problems adjusting to college life is natural. The peer assistance is there to assist people in successfully dealing with

their college environment," Tejeda said.

"The assisting students are willing to talk with others because they have experienced these

situations themselves or have assisted informally before," Tejeda said.

A survey was sent out last spring asking people who they would talk to about their personal concerns.

"One hundred and fifty individual names were submitted. We then

sent letters out asking about interest in peer assistance. Of the 150, 45 to 50 responded positively. However, only 24 will be involved and committed to volunteering one hour a week," Tejeda said.

The peer helper volunteers will be trained during September and will be able to provide students with the knowledge of resources available on campus.

According to Tejeda, volunteers must have knowledge of the resources available on campus, have communication skills, be good listeners, be able to maintain a natural rapport with students, make appropriate referrals and adhere to strict confidentiality.

Tejeda said the Life Skills Center is a human resource that is willing and able to help out.

"We have an informal underground network of quality

students that appear eager to work and are willing to facilitate," he said.

Teresa Strausz, Hays senior and psychology major, said her goal is to eventually help people with problems they cannot cope with.

"By being a peer helper I can help provide resources for students who don't feel comfortable with what is going on. It helps to know they are speaking with someone who has already been through the college scene," Strausz said.

"We will be aids to students, not counselors, but an information center to help students find an easier path to their solution," Strausz said.

Tejeda said, "The PHP is designed for those people who just want to get a handle on the hectic college environment or just to visit and feel like someone cares."

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Humanity exists

When tragic events occur, there always seems to be some good news that comes out of it.

Last week, Hurricane Andrew proved there is still a humane part of America. Thousands of people lost their homes and Americans heard the call sending tons of supplies into the Florida and Louisiana communities.

In fact, the reaction of the American people nearly beat that of the U.S. government, which stalled much too long for people who were left homeless.

The government, however, has put its efforts into full gear and now many of the homeless have at least some shelter in tents.

The people who have moved into the cities were very happy just to have a roof over their heads. It's funny how much people take for granted, until they lose it all.

According to an Associated Press report yesterday the people were given first-class treatment by the Red Cross and the military on the first days of the tent city in Miami.

Tuesday night President Bush asked Americans to help with donations to the disaster areas. Consequently, the Red Cross received 30,000 calls and \$2.5 million in pledges according to the A.P.

It is always unfortunate disasters occur, but at least it proves there are still people who care in this world.

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College friendships last a lifetime

Friends!

Who needs them? Well to tell you the truth, everyone does. Without friends, life would be pretty boring and difficult.

Since I came to college I have begun to appreciate the importance of friendships.

I live in a house with 18 other girls. There is always someone close by to talk to and listen to my problems, frustrations or accomplishments.

Friends are there in good times and bad. They laugh with you when you do something stupid and they are there to cry with you when you fall.

College friendships are different from high school ones. Once you are in college you start to form close and lasting friendships with people you never thought you would be friends with.

In high school you have friends that you think will be your friends forever, but it never seems to work that way.



Lisa Goetz
Staff writer

Once you go off to college, it is all too easy to lose touch with high school friends.

High school friends are usually people who are in the same organization or sport with you. Many times the only reason you are friends is because you have the same interests.

In college you can choose your friends from a larger group of people and you do not have to be friends with anyone you do not want to.

I, for example, have established many very close friendships with guys rather than girls. I never thought there would be a time when I would rather talk to a guy about my problems or that I would let a guy see me cry about something as

irrelevant as getting a B on a test instead of an A.

I find myself doing this frequently, however.

Some think people should only have friends who are of the same sex. They think guys and girls can't be just friends. If a guy and girl spend a lot of time together some people assume there is something romantic between them.

I thoroughly disagree. As I said, I have many friends, both male and female. I would not trade any of them for the world.

It always seems to help to be able to obtain another girl's and a guy's opinion when I have a problem.

I experienced this just the other day. I was having an extremely horrible day. I was so stressed out.

I went and talked to two friends, one male and one female. They helped me tremendously.

The first was very understanding and just let me cry to get all my frustrations out. He sat there and listened, not saying a word unless he

thought it was necessary.

At that time, it was exactly what I needed.

The second took me to Dillons at 12:30 a.m. and bought cookie dough. We went back home, ate cookie dough and complained until we were almost sick, but afterwards I felt better.

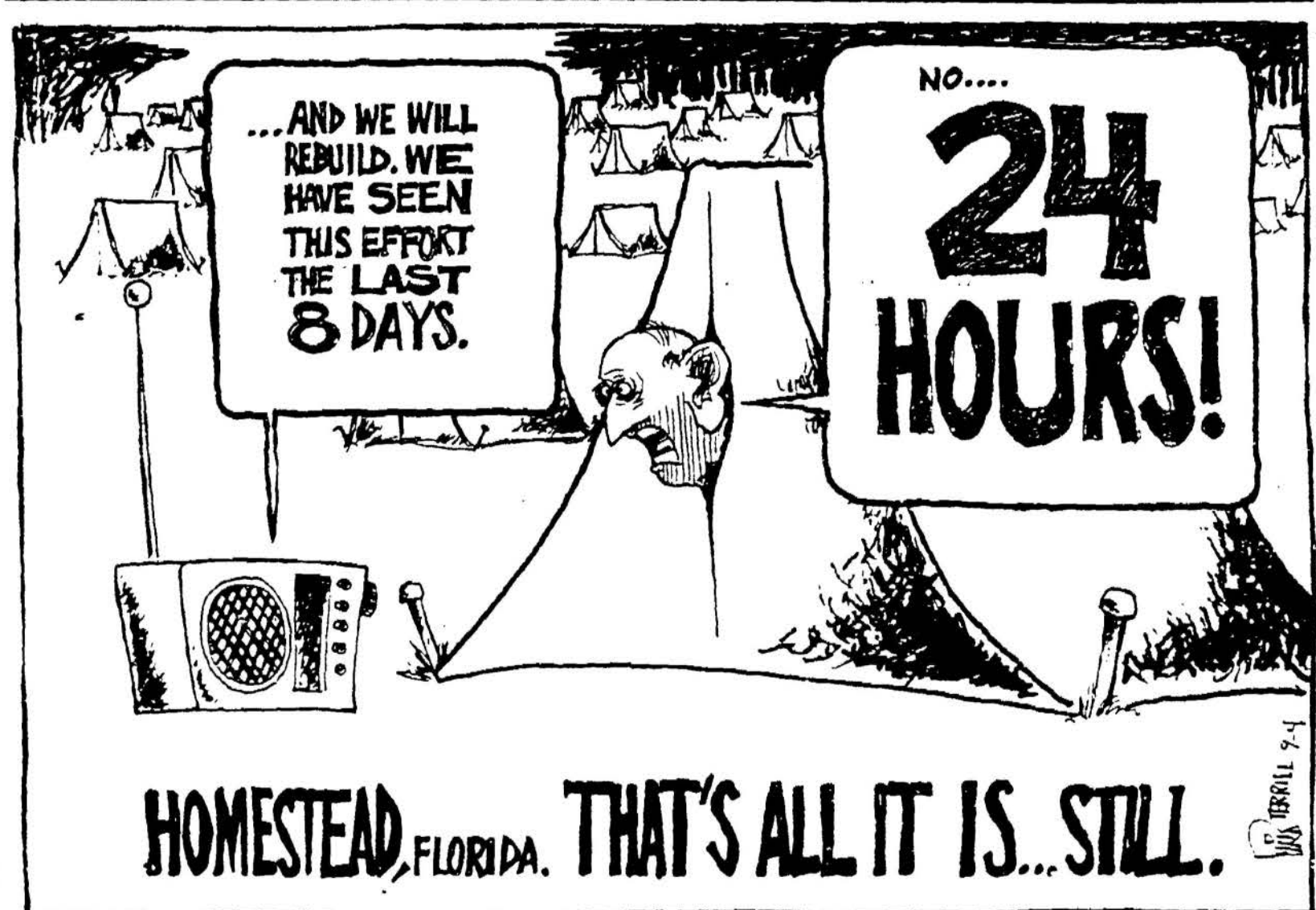
I have a favorite poem that I always like to give to my friends after they have helped me. It is by an unknown author.

To a Friend:

I'd like to be the kind of friend that you have been to me. I'd like to be the special help that you've been glad to be.

I know I'm blessed for only God can make a friend like you. You know just how to cheer me up whenever I feel blue.

Could I but have one wish fulfilled, this one only would it be— I'd like to be the kind of friend you've always been to me.



"Freshman 15" somewhat unavoidable

For some unknown reason, freshmen students are destined to gain the dreaded "Freshman 15."

I'm talking about the inevitable 15 pounds that we are doomed to gain, or so they say.

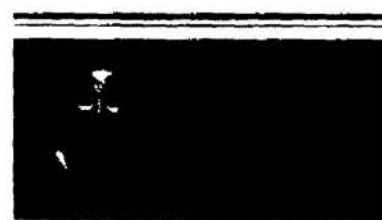
It's hard for me to grasp this concept and figure out whether it's fact or fiction, and I'll tell you why.

First of all, I'm lucky if I wake up in time to shower and race to class in the morning. I don't have time to worry about eating breakfast.

Supposedly, the most important meal of the day.

When I was back in high school, my parents or grandma made sure I was filled to capacity with eggs, bacon and toast each morning. I feel like I'm actually missing out on at least one meal of the day without even trying.

Another reason is when I'm eating my meals in the food center, my



Melissa Chaffin
Copy editor

ravishing hunger dwindles at the sight of those creative combinations they serve, so I stick to cereal and the salad bar.

I have to admit that I splurge on the desserts, especially the ice cream. (Surely that has nothing to do with the "Freshman 15".)

I can't say that the cafeteria food is inedible, but it's far from mom's cooking too. Of course, mom never cooked for this many people at once either.

And, you know, with all the walking we do on campus, I'm

almost positive we burn as many calories as we take in, not to mention the flights and flights of stairs I have to climb to reach my dorm room.

With all that, there is no way I can gain more weight, right? Wrong!

Well, the other night I figured out how the "Freshman 15" sneaks up on us.

To begin with, I have a confession to make. I ate two supper meals that day: once at McMindes and later on a date. I'm ashamed of myself, yet I know I'm not the only one.

The truth is when I got out of class at 4:30 p.m., I was starving. I knew I would never survive if I didn't eat something immediately, so I indulged.

Then after struggling through another meal, when I came home from my dinner date, my roommate had just made popcorn, a smell that

is almost irresistible. To make matters worse, she started taking orders for a Taco Shop delivery.

Thank God I know when to say when.

I have to admit, though, their food looked very tempting while I just sat there trying to concentrate on my reading assignment and not their food.

Of course, you know that we studious and responsible freshmen are burning calories just by using our brain power, right?

Then there are those who think riding an exercise bike for five minutes will chase away the "Freshman 15" whatever!

I think the dreaded "Freshman 15" is just out there waiting no matter what tactics you choose to try to avoid it. After all, what freshman doesn't think about it?

So you tell me, fact or fiction?

Campus/ Community Briefs

Gross to be closed

Cunningham Hall and Gross Memorial Coliseum will close at 5 p.m. today due to the Labor Day weekend.

The coliseum will remain closed until Tuesday.

The university pool will close after the noon-hour swim on Friday. There will be no open swim hours at 4:30 p.m.

Election of officers

The Fort Hays State Players will be having their election of officers at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Felten-Start Theater located in Malloy Hall.

For more information, contact Dee Strong at 625-9451.

Calendars on sale

The Mortar Board multi-purpose weekly planner is now on sale at the Corner Bookstore, 509 W. 7th; and at the University Bookstore.

The calendar contains all FHSU activities throughout the calendar school year.

The proceeds from the sale of the weekly minders will aid in the funding of scholarships and service projects.

Career workshops

All seniors, graduate students or undergraduates interested in job search strategies for summer employment are encouraged to attend the career workshops sponsored by the Career Development and Placement Service.

The workshops will begin at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and 7 p.m. on Thursday, and will both be conducted in the Black and Gold Ballroom, located in the Memorial Union.

The workshops will focus on resume writing, special interviewing techniques, letter writing and other kinds of information on successful job search strategies.

All majors are welcome to attend.

Free screenings

The Children's Center, 94 Lewis Drive, will be offering free screenings to check the development of children birth through five years of age on Friday, Sept. 18.

The screening, sponsored by the Hays Interagency Coordinating Council for Preschool Children, may identify potential problems which could later cause difficulties for the child.

Interested parents who have a concern about their child's development can call the Center at 625-3257 for an appointment.

The screening appointments are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

Class to be offered

The Hays Amateur Radio Club will again offer Amateur Radio license study classes and exams this fall.

The course provides the information needed to pass the Federal Communications Commission Novice and Technician entry-level license exams.

The classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the EOC Room at the Ellis County Law Enforcement Center, 105 West 12th St.

The course begins Sept. 15 and will conclude with FCC testing in December.

There is a \$20 cost for the course.

For more information, contact Don Orver at 625-7115 or Randy Moody at 625-2527.

FHSU students strike up the band to raise dollars for a

Good cause

Anne Zohner
Managing editor

College students are usually known for spending money, not making it.

However, there are three Fort Hays State students who recently were able to use their talents to raise money for someone in need, instead of using their hard-earned cash for tuition dollars.

The three students, Kent Smith, Hays senior; Ron Rohlf, Ashland junior; and Mark Neebel, Smith Center senior, are members of the band "The Fabulous Destinations."

The group used their musical debut to create proceeds to aid Heather Collins, a Salina teenager, in her battle with a brain tumor.

The 16-year-old Salina Central High School sophomore has recently begun to receive treatment at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Collins endures 30 to 50 seizures everyday and has just returned from her first visit to the clinic.

Salina businesses and residents joined together to organize a 10-hour free benefit concert last Saturday in the Oakdale Park, Salina, to aid the teen in her battle.

The day, which began at noon, also included an auction and various raffles and drawings throughout the event.

The band first heard of the benefit through a mutual friend.

"Heather's mother is a real good friend of a friend of mine," Rohlf said.

"My friend called me up and let me know (about Heather's situation) and told me that the Salina community was having a benefit to help raise money for the

costs of medical bills."

When Rohlf confronted the band about the idea of performing in the Salina event, the "members agreed to go," he said.

Smith said, "We all wanted to help out."

However, a last-minute change disallowed the band to make the trip.

"We couldn't go any longer (to Salina), so I decided to set up another gig and the band agreed we would donate the profits toward Heather," Rohlf said.

The group performed in Rohlf's hometown of Ashland and was able to raise approximately \$800 for the cause.

The money raised is now on its way to help out Collins.

The reaction from Helen McClanahan, Collins's mother was one of both shock and awe.

"I am just shocked about them helping us out," she said.

The outreach and concern that strangers have had throughout the ordeal has amazed McClanahan.

"It is just so great how they are opening up their hearts," she said.

"I can't comprehend the trust people have to do all these things when they haven't even met Heather."

The response from the community has had a positive effect upon Heather, McClanahan said.

"Heather thinks it is great and she is enjoying the attention, which I think is good for her," she said.

"She's been through hell, and this has really helped her."

Knowing people care and having activities going on are also an important factor for Heather.

"It isn't so scary with other people around," McClanahan said.



Travis Morisse/Assistant photo editor

The band "The Fabulous Destinations" consists of five members: (back row) Ron Rohlf and Jerry Miller (front row) Kent Smith, Monty Black and Mark Neebel. "The Fabulous Destinations" gave a concert to raise money for Heather Collins, a Salina teenager who has a brain tumor.

"When it is just us two, we try to put it out of our minds, but it is a lot easier when there are others there to help. It has done her a world of good."

Rohlf said it was exciting to be able to have the opportunity and the means to make a difference.

"We all felt pretty fortunate to know we could help out in such a big way," he said. "It was pretty nice."

The act was a positive one, Rohlf said.

"This is one of those rare situations in which everybody won," he said.

"We were able to raise money for a good cause and we opened up a new market for ourselves."

Neebel said he also thought the performance benefited both parties.

"It is always nice to help someone out, and we received a lot of interest (from the audience)."

The musical format of the group is primarily classic rock 'n' roll, he said.

The group is currently making provisions to set up some acts at local clubs, Neebel said.

"We're hoping to play at the Pink Cadillac (601 Vine), or at Murphy's (East Hwy 40) sometime soon," he said.

Anyone interested in helping Collins may send donations to: Heather Collins Trust Fund, care of First National Bank and Trust, Box 800, Salina, KS 67402-0800.

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SAGE to clean up

Rebecca Lofton
Staff writer

Some people do not give the rapidly depleting natural beauty of our earth a second glance.

However, one group of students on campus are forming with actions which speak louder than words in an effort to help "clean-up" our environment.

Students Acting for a Greener Earth will have their first organizational meeting of the year at 3:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 8 in Rarick 312.

Part of the agenda for this year includes a regional environmental conference Sept. 23-25 in Lincoln, Neb., an on-campus recycling program, cleaning up the trash in the stream, getting styrofoam off campus and networking with organizations off-campus. SAGE also plans to hold an "Earthfest" in the spring.

While referred to as an organizational meeting, Paul Basinski, program director, said he is ready to jump right into action with the strong agenda above already formed.

There will be many key people returning from last year and other students are also encouraged to attend to get involved.

Aside from the organization's activities, SAGE plans on getting students outside of the club involved and excited about the environment and how everyone can help in the struggle to save the earth.

"I think the big thrust of environmentalism in the 90s has got to be getting the individual involved, both in learning about what the ecological problems that face America and the world are and

being part of the solution," Basinski said.

"So I want the individual student of Fort Hays to know what the problem is and be a part of the solution."

In order to get all of the students on campus involved and aware of the environment, SAGE hopes to sponsor a course on recycling and environmental awareness for students for potentially four university credits, Basinski said.

SAGE will soon present this idea to the departments and is hoping for

the administration's support.

"The president (Ed Hammond) was just instrumental in helping us to raise resources for our various projects," Basinski said.

The outside community has also been of great help as many businesses and private benefactors have donated sums to the environmental group, he said.

Anyone unable to attend the first meeting can obtain information regarding SAGE from Basinski in Rarick 314.

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Back Home Knorr joins FHSU faculty

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There is no place like home, as the saying goes. This would describe Suzanne Knorr, assistant professor of communication.

Knorr has returned to her home state of Kansas after traveling all over the world. She said she loves the sense of family here in the Midwest and thinks it is a wonderful place to raise kids.

Knorr grew up near Manhattan and attended Kansas State University to obtain her bachelor's degree and teaching certificate in speech.

While at K-State, Knorr was involved in many extracurricular activities.

She was the vice president of the modern dance club, secretary of the sport parachute club and a member and student director of the K-State Players.

Her student direction of "King Midas and the Golden Touch" won a children's theater award.

In 1967, Knorr spent the summer in Paris studying language and civilization at the Sorbonne.

After graduation, Knorr said she took a teaching job at a middle school in St. Louis.

After teaching there a year, Knorr got married and followed her husband, who was in the Navy, to Charleston, S.C.

"I went from the highest paying

job to the lowest paying one," Knorr said. She taught there for about two years.

During this time, Knorr said she took six months off to go to Europe with her husband. She spoke French and hosted many social events for her husband.

After living in Key West, Fla. and San Diego, Ca., Knorr moved to Virginia Beach, Va. and got involved in the industry side of communications.

She worked for several companies in various capacities. She worked on the business side, handling displeased clients and problem accounts. She also worked on the public relations side, doing in-house news and representing the businesses at meetings.

Knorr said when she went to work at Comptech Research, she started as an editor and technical writer. "By three o'clock the first day they had moved me up to work on a national advertising campaign."

Knorr said she sometimes worked 20 hour days for four to five days in a row.

After about a year and a half, Knorr decided to get her master's degree and returned to K-State.

In late June or early July, Knorr said she learned about the job at Fort Hays State, but the contract was not completed until August.

"It was really hectic," Knorr said.

Knorr said she prefers teaching to working in industry. "I love the students."

Knorr said she likes FHSU because of the students and also because of "the sincere interest of the faculty. It really impressed me."

"(FHSU is) a hidden jewel out here."



Knorr

Anne & Andy's Reel Review

This week's feature: 'Honeymoon in Vegas,' Rating: Mixed (we can't decide)

The concept of a honeymoon usually brings to mind walking along a picturesque beach, sipping margaritas by the pool or spending a secluded week in a romantic cabin.

However, rarely would anyone associate a honeymoon with a group of skydiving Elvises, anyway, not until now.

"Honeymoon in Vegas" is a romantic, crazy comedy about love, the fear of getting married and why to never dress as an Elvis impersonator.

The film finds Jack (Nicholas Cage) debating on whether or not to marry his girlfriend Betsy (Sarah Jessica Parker). The question is not if he loves her, but if he wants to go against his dying mother's wish for him never to marry because no one could love him "like dear old mom."

It's his inability to decide that leads him and Betsy on a "honeymoon from hell" as they meet up with Tommy (James Caan), a professional gambler who is more than willing to lead Betsy down the aisle.

After a few twists and turns in the plot, Betsy finds herself with not one, but two prospective groomsmen who are willing to do anything to get a ring on her finger.

The race to the church ensues and from there on out, it's anybody's guess just who will get to the church on time.

ANNE'S VIEW: Romance, love and marriage are never easy, and this film is a perfect example of just how messy life can become.

This movie also depicts just how much of a "gamble" marriage can be.

The film is one that can be appreciated by the young and old alike and is truly uplifting as it takes a

comedic look at love in the 90s.

Jack is so scared of marriage that he tries to find every reason imaginable to avoid the issue at all costs.

However, he finally decides that it's "now or never" and takes his girlfriend to Vegas for a quickie marriage.

Things get quite sticky as Cage decides to play a quick hand of cards with Caan and bets more than he can cover. Cage soon realizes that, contrary to the belief of the Beales, you can in fact buy love.

Cage is wonderful as the undecided and confused Romeo and will keep you laughing as he attempts to make sense of love and marriage. His sarcasm and dry humor, such as his views about the airport system, will keep you rolling right along until the credits begin.

I wasn't too sure if Caan was going to work in his role, but he definitely is able to pull off the role as a conniving card shark.

Parker rounds out the cast as the bewildered bride-to-be and is a pleasing partner for Cage.

Oh, and the Elvis impersonators only add to the overall effect and tackiness of the Vegas depiction. In addition, the use of some of the king's all-time favorites adds to the flavor.

Even though the picture is just about "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love," it's one you will definitely enjoy.

Rating: AAAAA (a must see)

ANDY'S VIEW: If the song "Viva, Las Vegas" was to be the only tune accompanying this film, the viva I could compare it to would be with the particular brand name of paper towels.

This film was just about as limp as a wet towel and could not pick up

much more strength.

The story gives Jack, who is so insecure and paranoid with his mother's dying wish, that he cannot commit to the "love of his life." Give me a break.

After realizing he will lose Betsy if the solemn vows are not repeated, he goes temporarily insane and decides to tie the knot. Stupid Jack. Real stupid.

The typical trip to Las Vegas turns wacky when he decides to play a game of poker before the big step. Well, the game turns bad and Jack loses his love to a con-artist gambler. Con artist is putting it mild. Caan's character, Tommy, is still hooked on his dead wife, who coincidentally resembles Betsy. Get a real life.

Tommy thinks he can convince Betsy to fall in love with him (or his money) in a weekend. Betsy is easily bought and Tommy builds lie upon lie to get her into the bonds of holy matrimony. We think.

Add hundreds of Elvis impersonators, a game of cross-country airplane tag, some Vegas showgirls and a race to the all-night wedding chapel and you should get a decent film. Not in this case.

Cage does a great job portraying with his dry humor and quick wit with an airline ticket agent, but the character does not have much of the aforementioned, character.

If you can make yourself sit through the pain and torture of the storyline, you will get your reward. The soundtrack is a great mix of Elvis songs, some remakes by other singers and some by the King himself.

Rating: AA (wait for the video)

"Honeymoon in Vegas" is rated PG-13 and shows at the Mall Cinema, 2925 Vine along with "Unlawful Entry," rated R.

"Single White Female," rated R and "Universal Soldier," rated R are showing at the Fox Theatre, 1202 Main.

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Holiday offers day off

Kelly Freeman
Staff writer

There will be no complaints from college students about a break from school already. After all, it is one day out of classes.

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According to the Encyclopedia Americana, Labor Day was

established by two men, Matthew Maguire from New Jersey and Peter McGuire from New York City, and their purpose was to recognize labor's contribution to the nation.

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"I'm going to Kansas City to shop and pick up my winter clothes and just to hang out," Theresa Brown, Oberlin senior, said.

"I will regain my sanity this weekend," Brett Leiker, Hays junior, said.

Paul Phillips, professor of geoscience, said, "I plan to sit on my back porch in a rocking chair and contemplate world affairs."

Bruce Bardwell, assistant professor of communication, said, "I'm visiting the dead, painting the front porch and hanging a door in my mother's barn."

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To those concerned: Thank you for your assistance in obtaining help for me Tuesday, Aug. 1. I am okay now, but will travel to KU Med. Center for further tests in the near future. Thanks again, Mike McDaniel.

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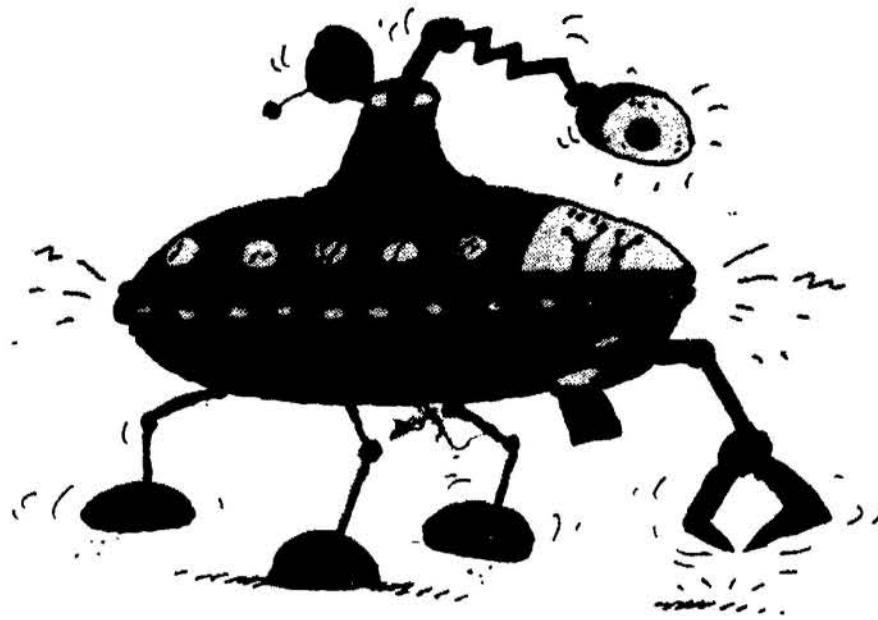
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